

ORGANIZING TOBACCO GROWERS.

Dr. Freeman Thinks That Immediate Action is Absolutely Necessary.

Editor's Progressive Farmer:

I have carefully read the three articles on first page of The Progressive Farmer of February 9th, written by President Adams, President John Graham and Ex-President John S. Cunningham. While these articles are all right and the arguments of each good along each one's line of thought, I must say that I am disappointed.

Each writer has said what I have been told for years. This is all right as far as it goes, but are we to stand still and listen at these lectures for all time? I believe in action, and I know by the proper action taken two years ago, as I urged upon Colonel Cunningham and others, we could have saved the five million dollars lost to the farmers this last season in the sale of our tobacco.

Now I say, as I have said at every tobacco growers' meeting, that the first thing to do is to organize every farmer into a compact organization. I believe our President and everybody else believes that this is the first and most important thing to do. Now the question uppermost in every one's mind is how is this to be done, and who is to do it? What do you gentlemen say on this first step to be taken?

The indifference of our last President at this point has very much discouraged the farmers of these parts. The starting and balking way Colonel Cunningham had of doing things has damaged our cause very much. Now I am looking for President Adams and my good friend President John Graham to organize the farmers this year into a solid compact organization.

I have been through the organization life of the Grange and Alliance and know some few things from experience. First, there must be an agent to do the organizing, and after organized this agent must stand by and revivify the order at all times. Second, there must be enough money behind the work to do the work successfully. The farmers are standing ready to be organized, and have been waiting for this now two years in this section.

Now, President Graham, let's go to work just along this line, and by the 15th of July, next, let's have every farmer who grows tobacco sworn into an organization which will control every pound of tobacco that will be grown this year. Then, and not until then, may we talk about prices, etc. We will then be in position to have some needed laws passed by our own State this winter and also by Congress.

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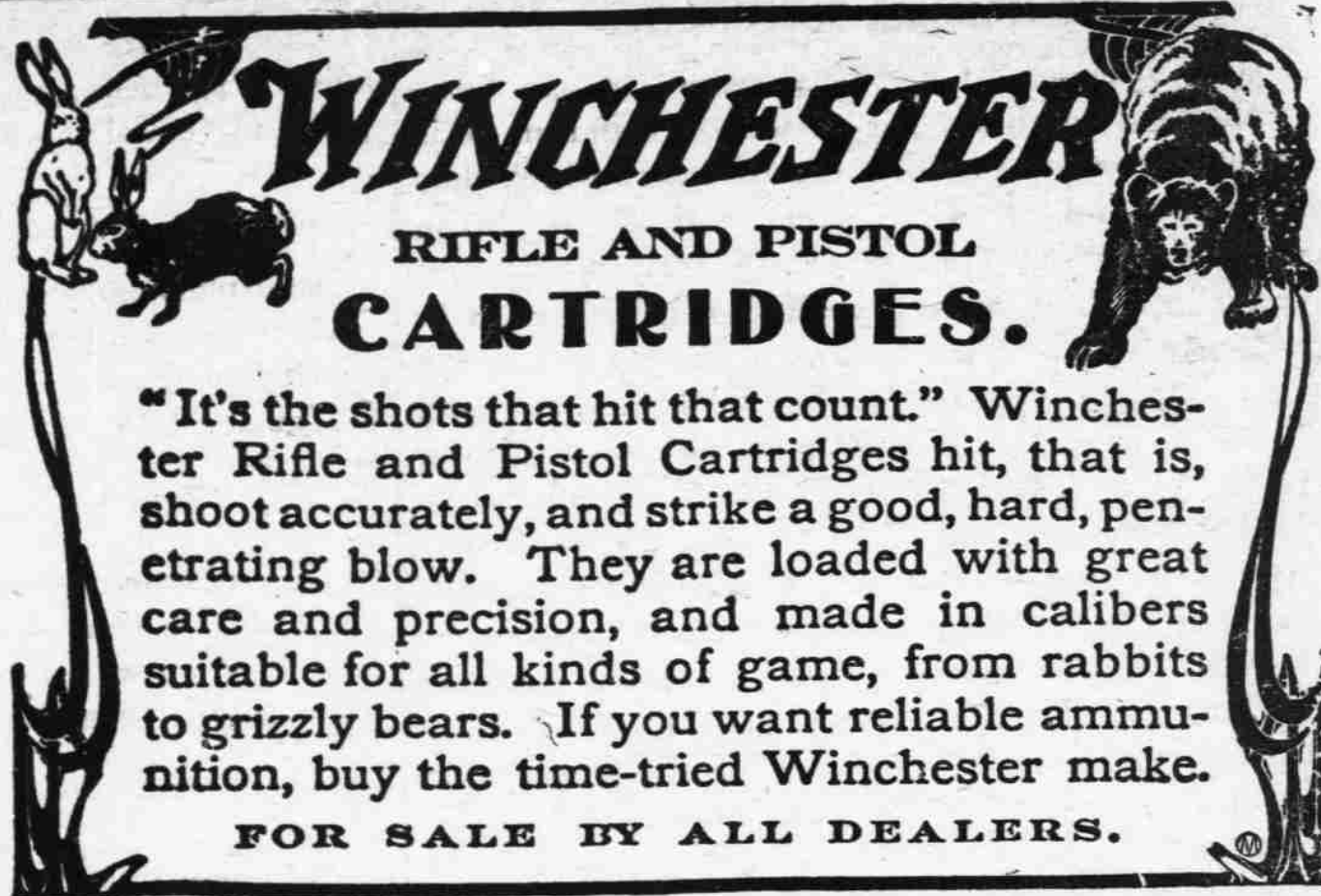
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